

RE: Hearing: Social Security at 75 Years

Members of The Committee on Ways and Means,

I am a teacher in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District in San Ramon, CA. I became a teacher later in life. I worked outside of teaching for 30 years before I decided to teach. I was never told that I would lose a large part of my Social Security. I had no idea that I would lose my husband's Social Security if something should happen to him. The Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision is extremely unfair to people, like myself, who paid into the Social Security plan for many years and then decided to teach for a few years.

I am pleading with you to repeal these unfair offsets . I urge Congress to take immediate action to pass the Social Security Fairness Act (H.R. 235/S, 484), which would repeal the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision. I urge Congress to move the Social Security Fairness Act forward for a vote. In addition, if Congress takes up overall social security reform, I urge inclusion of repeal of the GPO and WEP as part of any reform package. I realize that all of us are concerned about the overall budget but teachers already spend so much of their own money and umpteen hours of work in their careers. It is unfair that when they retire they are prevented from receiving what they have worked and paid for with Social Security payments.

Thank you,

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